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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC,  
HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY, 752  
PHELAN BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO, ON  
NOVEMBER 28, 1914, AT 2:00 P. M.

There were present President R. T. CRAWFORD and Directors AITKEN, CUSHING, COSTA and RICHARDSON. Director RICHARDSON held the proxies of Directors BURCKHALTER, TOWNLEY and MARKWART.

Action was taken upon the award of the Bruce Gold Medal for the year 1915, report of which will be made later.

On motion of Director AITKEN, the following were elected members of the Society:—

Prof. M. SELGA, S. J., of the Observatory of Manila, P. I.

Dr. E. S. HAYNES, of Smith Observatory, Beloit, Wis.

Director CUSHING made a verbal report upon the situation resulting from the failure of the People's Water Company to pay the accrued interest upon the underlying bonds of the Contra Costa Water Company, of which the Society holds three. It was the sense of the Board that no action looking to a compromise of the rights of the Society in the premises should be taken at this time.

The following committees were appointed by the President to report at the annual meeting in January, 1915:—

*Auditing Committee*—C. S. CUSHING (Chairman), F. V. CORNISH, A. B. BAIRD.

*Nominating Committee*—B. L. HODGHEAD (Chairman), Dr. S. EINARSSON, J. D. GALLOWAY.

President CRAWFORD invited the attention of the Board to the fact that the important work of the International Latitude Observatories was threatened, and liable to be discontinued, as a result of the war conditions in Europe. Upon his suggestion the following resolution was prepared and unanimously passed by the Board:—

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of this Board that the work of the International Latitude Observatories is threatened by the present war in Europe, and that some of the stations may be closed; be it

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*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific that the work of these stations is of the greatest importance, and that every effort should be made to continue the stations in this country even though others are necessarily closed;

*Resolved*, That the President and Secretary of this Society be authorized and instructed to present the views of this Society to the proper authorities of the United States Government and urge upon them the desirability of making some special provision for the maintenance of the stations in this country.

Adjourned.

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, AT THE STUDENTS' OBSERVATORY, BERKELEY, ON NOVEMBER 30, 1914, AT 8:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by President CRAWFORD.

On motion of Dr. A. O. LEUSCHNER, seconded by F. R. ZIEL, a resolution was passed, endorsing the action of the Board of Directors at the meeting of November 28th, asking the proper authorities of the United States Government to make provision for continuing the work of the International Latitude Observatories in this country.

Mr. CHARLES BURCKHALTER, Director of Chabot Observatory, made a few remarks relative to the progress being made on the work of the new telescope for his observatory. He said that word had been received of the successful casting of the discs for the lenses at Jena, and that this removed the principal difficulty to be overcome in building the instrument. He reported also the selection of a most desirable site for the new observatory at Leona Heights, East Oakland, and expressed the hope that within a year he would have a comfortably equipped establishment which would be a credit to the School Department of Oakland and in a position to do much for the advance of astronomical knowledge.

The address of the evening was delivered by Dr. HEBER D. CURTIS, of Lick Observatory, whose subject was: "An Eclipse Camp in War Time: The Lick Observatory-Crocker Expedition to Observe the Total Solar Eclipse of August 21, 1914, in Brovary, Russia."

As was anticipated, this subject proved to be a most attractive one to the public and drew an appreciative audience, which filled the lecture-room of the Students' Observatory, notwithstanding the fact that the first storm of the season was howling outside.

The experiences of the eclipse party in Russia, just as the war was breaking out, were most entertainingly recited and illustrated, and proved, among other things, that Dr. CURTIS is not only an astronomer, but a wit, a poet, a diplomat and many other things which go to make up the ideal man for an eclipse expedition.

A vote of thanks was returned to Dr. CURTIS and then everybody went out into the rain.